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Executive Order

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 10483, AS HERETOFORE AMENDED, ESTABLISHING
THE OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes, and as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order 10483 of September 2, 1953, as heretofore amended by Executive Order 10598 of February 28, 1955, and Executive Order 10610, of May 9, 1955, be, and the same hereby is, further amended to read as follows:

Section 1.

(a). In order to assist in the effective coordination of certain functions of the departments and agencies of the Government relating to the national security and to provide for the integrated implementation of national security policies by the several agencies, there is hereby established within the National Security Council structure, an Operations Coordinating Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board which shall report to the National Security Council.

(b). The Board shall have as members the following: (1) the Under Secretary of State, who shall represent the Secretary of State and shall be the Chairman of the Board, (2) the Deputy Secretary of Defense, who shall represent the Secretary of Defense, (3) the Director of Central Intelligence, (4) the Director of the United States Information Agency, (5) and one or more representatives of the President to be designated by the President. The Director of the International Cooperation Administration shall participate in the deliberations and assist in connection with the affairs of

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the Board. Each head of agency referred to in Item 1 to 4 inclusive, in this section 1.(b) may provide for an alternate member who shall serve as a member of the Board in lieu of the regular member representing the Agency concerned when such regular member is, for reasons beyond his control, unable to attend any meeting of the Board; and any alternate member shall while serving as such have in all respects the same status as a member of the Board as does the regular member in lieu of whom he serves. The Director of the International Cooperation Administration may provide for an alternate when he is, for reasons beyond his control, unable to attend any meetings of the Board.

(c) The head of any agency (other than any agency represented under section 1 (b) hereof) to which the President from time to time assigns responsibilities for the implementation of national security policies, shall assign a representative to serve on the Board when the Board is dealing with subjects bearing directly upon the responsibilities of such head. Each such representative shall be an Under Secretary or corresponding official and when so serving such representative shall have the same status on the Board as the members provided for in the said section 1 (b).

(d) The Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs may attend any meeting of the Board.

Section 2.

The National Security Council having recommended a national security policy and the President having approved it, the Board shall (1) whenever the President shall hereafter so direct, advise with the agencies concerned as to (a) their detailed operational planning responsibilities respecting such policy, (b) the coordination of the interdepartmental aspects of the detailed operational plans developed by the agencies to carry out such

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policy, (c) the timely and coordinated execution of such policy and plans, and (d) the execution of each security action or project so that it shall make its full contribution to the attainment of national security objectives and to the particular climate of opinion the United States is seeking to achieve in the world, and (2) initiate new proposals for action within the framework of national security policies in response to opportunity and changes in the situation. The Board shall perform such other advisory functions as the President may assign to it and shall from time to time make reports to the National Security Council with respect to the carrying out of this order.

Section 3.

There is hereby established within the staff of the National Security Council the position of Executive Officer of the Operations Coordinating Board. The Executive Officer shall, subject to the responsibilities of the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council under Section 101 (c) of the National Security Act of 1947 as amended, supervise such staff as may be necessary to assist the Board in the performance of its functions pursuant to this order.

Section 4.

As used herein, the word "agency" may be construed to mean any instrumentality of the executive branch of the Government, including any executive department.

Section 5.

Nothing in this order shall be construed either to confer upon the Board any function with respect to internal security or to in any manner abrogate or restrict any function vested by law in, or assigned pursuant to law to, any agency or head of agency (including the Office of Defense Mobilization and the Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization).

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Section 6.

This order shall become effective upon the appropriation of funds for Fiscal Year 1958 required to carry out this order. Upon the effective date of this order the staff of the Operations Coordinating Board shall be transferred to or detailed to the staff of the National Security Council.

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